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CLOVER AS A GREEN MANURE.
It is an impression that the farmers of New England do not make use of green manure, such as they might do with profit. In New York and other middle States, a great deal of clover is sown to be ploughed under in blossom, for the express purpose of enriching the land, and simply because there is no known way of enriching the land so cheaply and so effectively as by the use of clover. It is a fact that clover is a most valuable and profitable crop, and its use as a green manure is a most profitable and profitable one.

THE NEW COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.
We notice that the President of the United States has appointed as Commissioner of Agriculture, Geo. W. Davis, of Minnesota. He is, according to the Washington Star, a graduate of Kenyon College, Ohio, the President's Alma Mater, and has lived in Minnesota since 1856. The Star says that he possesses scientific attainments and much practical knowledge of agriculture. He was not a general in the army, but served as a quartermaster and was brevetted a brigadier-general along with many other quartermasters at the close of the war. He has been engaged to some extent in railroad operations, and was connected in the construction company connected with the Northern Pacific Railroad enterprise. General Davis has been in Washington much of the time since the 4th of March as an applicant for office, but his name has not been mentioned in connection with the Commission of Agriculture with sufficient prominence to get into the newspapers. His nomination does not seem to have been brought about by political influence, and is probably owing to the President's personal friendship for him and his faith in his ability to manage the Agricultural Department.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS.
LICE ON CHERRY TREES.
Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:—Will you please inform me through the Ploughman the best method of getting rid of lice upon the leaf of the cherry tree? I have a large number of cherry trees, and the lice are very numerous. I have tried many remedies, but have not been able to get rid of them. I am sure that you will be able to give me some good advice on this subject.

THE DAIRY.
MAINE.
ITS ADAPTABILITY TO DAIRYING.
BY J. W. LANG,
Secretary of the Maine Dairyman's Association.

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PENCING

It is an item of no small consideration to the dairyman and he must erect and maintain fences unless he is to be practised upon by the neighbor, and this we do not believe is ever profitable, except near large cities where land is very valuable and fencing and road operations, and was connected in the construction company connected with the Northern Pacific Railroad enterprise. General Davis has been in Washington much of the time since the 4th of March as an applicant for office, but his name has not been mentioned in connection with the Commission of Agriculture with sufficient prominence to get into the newspapers. His nomination does not seem to have been brought about by political influence, and is probably owing to the President's personal friendship for him and his faith in his ability to manage the Agricultural Department.

BERKSHIRE SWINE.—"HOOSIER LADY" AND TWO OF HER PIGS.
BRED BY L. N. MARKER, OF THORNTOWN, INDIANA.

We publish this week an engraving of some very fine Berkshire swine bred by Mr. L. N. Marker, of Thorntown, Ind. Mr. Marker has been exhibiting his swine at the Indiana State Fair in 1876, and his swine have won the first premium in his class at the Indiana State Fair in 1872, and also the first premium at the best sow and mucking pigs. She won the same premiums at the State Fair again in 1873. Her pigs also won a number of premiums independent of the mother. The sire and dam of "Hoosier Lady" were both imported. She is recorded in the second Vol. of the American Berkshire Record, her number being 1416.

THE FARM.
MANURING—CHESS—MOON SIGNS.
AN OLD FARMER'S EXPERIENCE.

One of the editors of the *Husbandman* recently visited the venerable John Johnson, now 90 years old, and reports as follows of the interview:—

He seemed feeble, but at the first mention of manure he became lively. I have several tons of manure, and have some times found quite satisfactory results, but after that I had no more to say. I am sure that you will be able to give me some good advice on this subject.

Correspondence.
THE COLORADO POTATO BEETLE.
BY STANLEY A. BICKNELL.

The king among the bugs in his estate majesty's kingdom, represented in the museum at the agricultural department at Washington, is the *Chrysomela discolorata*, the dreaded Colorado potato beetle, not for its size, for it is not larger than a pea-bug, but for its destructiveness, it being the most destructive bug, at present, that walks the face of the earth. Properly speaking, however, I should not say bug, but beetle, and here I might as well explain the difference between a bug and a beetle, for farmers as well as the masses generally, make no distinction between bugs and beetles, but to the entomologist, there is just as much difference between a bug and a beetle as there is between a horse and a pig, and in the fact more in some respects, for the bug feeds itself by protruding a long tube, which penetrates into the substance it wishes to feed upon, while the beetle, on the other hand, feeds upon the substance it wishes to feed upon, and in this respect, the beetle is just as much different from the bug as the horse is from the pig.

Floriculture.
HOLLYHOCK CULTURE.
BY F. F. ELLIOTT.

This flowering plant is very much neglected, being generally planted amongst other plants in shrubby borders, but if planted in rows in rich well drained soil, so as to form a back ground to other border, it would well repay the grower with a splendid display of bloom.

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